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“Characteristics of Civilizations”

Features of Civilizations (pages 30-31)	Definition of Feature	Example from Mesopotamia (pages 16-19)	Example from Egypt (pages 26-30)	Example from India (pages 38-41)	Example from China (pages 42-46)
1. Cities	Agriculture made living in one place possible. Large urban populations gathered along rivers.				
2 Government		City-states ruled by individual kings			
3. Religion Polytheistic? Monotheistic? Gods? Philosophies?			Polytheistic. Believed in an afterlife. Soul had to pass a test to enter.		
4. Social Structure				Complex caste system. Brahman is the highest caste.	
5. Writing, calendar and numbers systems					Written characters represent words or ideas
6. Technology and Artistic Activity			Pyramids		
7. Physical Feature and Area of the World. (Landforms, water features, etc)				Himalaya Mts. Indus River India and Pakistan	Huang He China

